

State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO  
IMPLEMENT THE FY07 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANT  
PROGRAM**

This Board Submittal approves contractual relationships for three watershed management projects throughout the State and authorizes the Chairperson to enter into contracts for these services, subject to the certification of availability of funds and approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Land and Natural Resources published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on May 15, 2006 on the State Procurement Office website for the FY07 Watershed Management Grant (WMG) Program, funded by the State Natural Area Reserve Special Fund. The primary purpose of the Watershed Management Grant Program is to support the coordination and implementation of landscape-level watershed protection involving landowners (both public and private), government agencies, and non-governmental organizations. Proposals for this grant work are to address goals and objectives identified in existing watershed management plans as developed by watershed partnerships and/or with private landowners.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife received 18 proposals, requesting close to \$4.5 million dollars in funding. A committee composed of DLNR (DOFAW and CWRM) and USFWS staff reviewed each application and ranked them, utilizing the criteria outlined in the RFP. Primary criteria evaluated the extent to which the proposal: addressed priorities identified within watershed management plans or work/action plans; supported coordination of regional efforts and on-the-ground management actions; could be successfully completed by May 31, 2008; outlined management actions protecting areas of high-quality native vegetation; and evidenced effective use of past WMG funding. Secondary evaluation criteria included: use of State funds to secure additional funding; activities on State land or involving multiple landowners; management actions that benefited rare and endangered native species; management actions in critical habitat

areas or other areas identified under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recovery or implementation plans; implemented Hawaii's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy; and cost.

A total of 16 projects were selected for funding in FY07 supporting watershed management on five islands. These projects support the ongoing efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect important watersheds as well as habitat for native species in cooperation with other agencies and private landowners. Thirteen of the projects will not require contract approval in order to implement the projects because funds will be dispersed through agreements with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU) of the University of Hawai'i, implemented by DOFAW staff, or other government entities such as CWRM in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey (attachment A).

The three projects that require contract approval are (see attachment B for further details):

<u>Project</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
W32 Protection and restoration of remnant koa watershed forests of Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership	Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.	\$148,000
W34 Kāhili Ginger containment project (Kaua'i Watershed Alliance)	The Nature Conservancy	\$141,629
W29 East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership increasing weed and goat control effort efficiency	The Nature Conservancy	\$75,000

#### CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

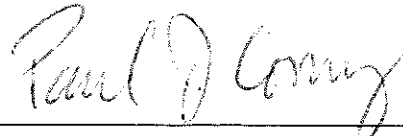
Contracts will be negotiated with the identified organizations to implement the projects according to their awarded proposals. Upon approval by the Board, the Division will submit the contracts for review and approval as to form by the Attorney General, and process the document for signature by the Chairperson.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate and execute Contracts for watershed management as outlined above subject to:

- 1) Certification of availability of funds by the comptroller.
- 2) Approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

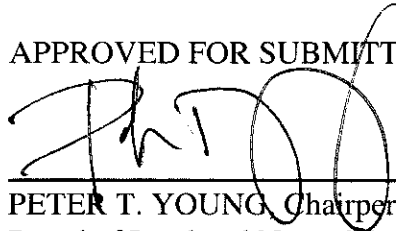
Respectfully submitted,

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PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator  
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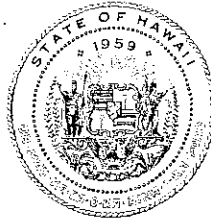
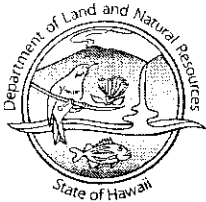
Attachments

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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**NOTICE OF AWARD**  
**in response to Request for Proposal**  
**No. RFP-DOFAW-WMG-07**  
**for the Watershed Management Grant Program-FY07**  
**(also available at <http://www.spo.hawaii.gov>)**

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AWARDED PROPOSALS (in ranking order from first to last)	AWARDED AMOUNT
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP) priority area invasive weed surveys	\$31,571
Three Mountain Alliance watershed protection projects	\$358,758
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed partnership coordination FY07	\$70,078
Kohala Watershed Partnership 07 watershed management grant program	\$145,000
Dry and mesic forest restoration: Kahikinui Moku and PuuWaaWaa Forest Bird Sanctuary	\$180,000
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP) management plan implementation FY07	\$225,002
Watershed protection in East Maui	\$447,000
Protection and restoration of remnant koa watershed forests of Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership	\$380,000
Implementation of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership management plan	\$300,000
East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership increasing weed and goat control effort efficiency FY07/08	\$75,000
Kāhili Ginger containment project FY07/08	\$141,629
Alaka'i fence planning project FY07/08	\$20,000
Native habitat restoration in the PuuWaaWaa Ahupua'a Preserve	\$8,964
Proposal for stream gages and rain gages pertaining to watershed partnerships	\$132,000
Mauna Kea watershed development	\$25,000
Watershed planning for forest reserves	\$60,000

  
Peter T. Young, Chief Procurement Officer, DLNR

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## ATTACHMENT B

<u>Project/Group</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Awarded Amount</u>
W32 Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership	Protection and restoration of remnant koa watershed forests of LHWRP. The goal of this project is koa restoration, invasive species management, and fencing to create 7,700 acres of protected watershed forests in Leeward Haleakalā on Maui. Implementation will include plant propagation, establishment of koa restoration demonstration project exclosures, aerial surveys for resource management, and digital imagery of current resources that will assist in developing an invasive plants/vegetation monitoring system for increased management.	\$380,000 (partial to go to Tri-Isle as identified in contract request, partial to PCSU, partial to DOFAW)
W34 Kaua'i Watershed Alliance	Kāhili Ginger containment project. Implemented by the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance, this project aims to prevent the spread of kāhili ginger in 500 acres of core watershed management units on Kaua'i through intensive aerial surveys, GIS mapping and database management, on-the-ground management and treatment, monitoring, and surveys for other invasive weeds such as Australian tree fern and strawberry guava.	\$141,629
W29 East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership	East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership increasing weed and goat control effort efficiency. The core elements of this project are to control invasive weed species as well as reduce goat populations that threaten the primary watershed for the island of Moloka'i. Efforts will focus on implementing a weed management plan including weed surveys, on-the-ground management, and targeted reduction of invasive weeds such as blackberry, pine, and guava populations as well as suppress new incipient weeds. The other effort is to decrease goat populations on the south slope area for native vegetation protection and recovery and sedimentation reduction.	\$75,000